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Murder cases in Kottayam taluk.

* 913 *Q.*—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. Minister for Law received any memorandum from Sri T. K. Raju at Tellicherry in the month of January 1953, regarding the negligence on the part of police authorities in investigating certain murder cases in Kottayam ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) A report has been obtained from the Inspector-General of Police. The report shows that no such murders as alleged were committed, and that there was no negligence on the part of the police in the investigation of the cases. One of the alleged murders is reported to be a case of suicide; in the second, the person said to have been murdered is still alive, and has been traced ; and in the third, the woman alleged to have been murdered has been missing, and the report shows that there is no evidence to show that it is a case of murder."

8-40 a.m Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" In Dharmatam village in Tellicherry taluk, one woman named Panchali was not seen for the last few months. It was suspected that it was a case of murder due to the quarrels amongst the neighbours. Did the Government conduct any investigation ; if not, will they investigate the matter now? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was on mere suspicion in respect of the other case also that allegation was made that it was a case of murder. Fortunately or unfortunately it was found later that the man was living and still alive. So again, an allegation is made simply because a woman is missing that she is murdered. There is absolutely no ground to suspect that the woman is murdered."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that of late there has been an increase in the number of murders in those areas which used to have the least crime report? Is there any particular reason for this? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not in a position to answer this question as it does not arise out of the main question."

* 914 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 914 will be taken up tomorrow."

Electricity extension schemes.

* 915 *Q.*—Sri K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many electricity extension schemes districtwar were sanctioned by the previous Government headed by Sri P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja during 1949 to 1952;

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(b) how many of them were taken up for execution by that Government; and

(c) how many have since been given up by the present Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a), (b) & (c) Electricity Extension schemes are investigated, sanctioned and executed as a routine process, solely with reference to the funds available for expenditure on such schemes from time to time. The number of schemes investigated and executed are very large and the costs of the schemes themselves vary from a few hundreds to even a crore of rupees. The time and labour involved in collecting the historical and statistical information required by the hon. Member will not be commensurate with whatever object is sought to be achieved."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are going to take up those schemes since the present Government loan has been over-subscribed?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The question is about the electricity extension schemes districtwar sanctioned by the previous Government during the years 1949 to 1952 and the districts would be not more than 4 or 5. I hope the Government would be able to give us the information without much trouble and I do not see any reason why the trouble should not be taken?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may submit, Sir, that the number of districts is not 4 or 5 as mentioned by the hon. Member. The information is required for the whole State. That is why I said that the time and labour involved in collecting the historical and statistical information required by the hon. Member will not be commensurate with whatever object is sought to be achieved."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that electricity schemes are always very remunerative, will the Government consider at least in the future extending these electricity schemes to the districts?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Where the schemes are remunerative, they are being taken up for implementation when the financial position justifies the taking up of such schemes."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I bring to the notice of the Government that there are a very large number of disappointees in the district of South Arcot and if there are any schemes to be implemented now, will the Government consider taking up the schemes in South Arcot district?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I believe it is a private company that is supplying electricity in South Arcot district."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Electricity is supplied to the licensee by the Government."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Even so, extension schemes must be taken up by the company."

Petition regarding grant of lands to Chetty families in Wynaad.

* 916 *Q.*—SRI KUNHIRAMA KIDAV (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a petition, dated 16th October 1952, was received by him from Athimuttathu Govindan Chetty and Appu Chetty of Moopainad amsam, Wynaad taluk, requesting the Government to give lands to the Chetty families from whom lands were taken for the Wynaad Colonization Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No action was taken by the Government as it was only a copy of the petition addressed to the Collector of Malabar."

Grant to Pudusseri Aided Elementary School, Palghat taluk.

* 917 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Education Grant to be paid to Pudusseri Aided Elementary School in Palghat taluk, Malabar, was withheld for more than nine months in 1952–53; and if so, for what reasons;

(*b*) whether the Government received any representation from the Taluk Teachers' Union and the concerned teachers regarding the same; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take or have already taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No. The grant was withheld for about six months only. Grant for May to October 1952 was released on 16th January 1953. It is reported that in June 1952 the registered manager of the school wanted to effect change of management. However, as there was some protest from the public and as the District Munsif of Palghat issued an injunction order restraining payment, the grant could not be paid till matters were settled and the injunction order was withdrawn by the District Munsif only in December 1952.

" (*b*) No. It is reported that the Director of Public Instruction has received a representation only from the teachers of the school in the matter.